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## TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- \* The House will reconvene for its 38th Legislative Day on Monday, March 27, at 1:00 pm.
- \* 18 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

## GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# DAILY REPORT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006**

**LEGISLATIVE DAY# 37**

## TODAY ON THE FLOOR

Speaker of the House, Rep. Glenn Richardson, gavelled the House into session today, at 9:00 am, for the 37th Legislative Day of the 2nd Session of the 148th General Assembly.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **HB 81 Homestead exemption; unremarried surviving spouse of deceased spouse; provisions**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Burke Day
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- ***Motion to Adopt the Conference Committee Report represents Final Passage of this Bill.***

## MOTION TO INSIST

### **HB 1059 Sexual offenders; punishment; registration requirements; change provisions**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jerry Keen
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- ***Motion to Insist on the House version of the bill requires that a Conference Committee be named to negotiate a final version of the bill.***
- ***Conference Committee Members:*** Rep. Tim Bearden, Rep. Jerry Keen, and Rep. David Ralston

### **HB 1257 Insurance; certain change of address filings; exempt from fee**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Knox
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- ***Motion to Insist on the House version of the bill requires that a Conference Committee be named to negotiate a final version of the bill.***
- ***Conference Committee Members:*** Rep. Rich Golick, Rep. Stan Watson, and Rep. Tom Knox

### **SB 529 Georgia Security/Immigration Compliance Act; persons who are not lawfully present in the U.S.; comprehensive regulation**

- **Authored By:** Sen. Chip Rogers
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- ***Motion to Insist on the House version of the bill requires that a Conference Committee be named to negotiate a final version of the bill.***
- ***Conference Committee Members:*** Rep. John Lunsford, Rep. Greg Morris, and Rep. Tom Graves

## MOTION TO AGREE

### **HB 692 Probation; terms and conditions; amend**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ellis Black
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- ***Motion to Agree to the Senate version represents Final Passage of this Bill.***

### **HB 718 Pretrial intervention and diversion programs; authorize certain courts to administer**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ed Lindsey
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- ***Motion to Agree to the Senate version represents Final Passage of this Bill.***

### **HB 1253 Drivers' licenses; certain provisions; clarify**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Rice
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- ***Motion to Agree to the Senate version represents Final Passage of this Bill.***

## **MOTION TO DISAGREE**

### **HB 194 Income tax credit; teleworking for limited period of time**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Martin
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- ***Motion to Disagree to the Senate Substitute sends the bill back to the Senate.***

### **HB 1059 Sexual offenders; punishment; registration requirements; change provisions**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jerry Keen
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- ***Motion to Disagree to the Senate Substitute sends the bill back to the Senate.***

### **HB 1313 Eminent domain; comprehensive revision of provisions; provide**

- **Authored By:** Rep. Rich Golick
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- ***Motion to Disagree to the Senate Substitute sends the bill back to the Senate.***

## **DEBATE CALENDAR**

### **HR1856 Murphy, Thomas B.; former Speaker of the House; authorize placement of portrait**

- This resolution will authorize the hanging of a portrait in State Capitol of former Speaker of the House, Tom Murphy. The resolution also states that the portrait is to be hung on the 3rd Floor on the House wing of the Capitol building.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Cummings
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Rules
- ***Motion for Unanimous Vote, Adopted***

### **SB0135 Pretrial Proceedings; indictment for children; jurisdiction for Superior Court**

- SB 135: Juvenile cases sent to Superior Court shall be entitled to have charges brought within 180 days with one 90 day extension allowed; cases not charged within 180days shall revert back to Juvenile Court; does not apply if the juvenile is a codefendant with an adult in a capital case. HS: Adds to above language that when a child is detained in the Superior or Juvenile Courts the appropriate official shall furnish a list of said children -- with appropriate information regarding each child -- to the Chief Judge and the Prosecuting Attorney at least once per week.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Preston Smith
- **Presented By:** Rep. David Ralston
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Yea:** 159    **Nay:** 0

### **SB0150 Georgia Community Streetcar Development/ Revitalization Act; implement program**

- This legislation calls for changes to the general provisions of the State Road and Tollway Authority. The authority shall implement a program to provide for the development and expansion of streetcar transportation and attendant economic and community development opportunities.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Sam Zamarippa
- **Presented By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Yea:** 131     **Nay:** 25

### **SB0177     Teachers Retirement System; change benefit formula; provide conditions**

- Bill provides that all current and future employees and officers of the State Road and Tollway Authority shall become members of ERS. All employer contributions, including employee contributions made by the employer on behalf of members which are required by this code section shall be made from funds appropriated to or otherwise available for the operation of the State Road and Tollway Authority.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Horacena Tate
- **Presented By:** Rep. John Meadows
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **Yea:** 145     **Nay:** 0

### **SB0191     Environmental Advisory; expedited review for permits under contract**

- This bill is intended to address two key issues: (1) expedited permitting for environmental permits issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and (2) to address the issue of speculative water withdrawal permit applications stemming from the moratorium in the Flint River Basin. Section 1 deals with expedited permitting from EPD would allow the Director of EPD to designate certain qualified individuals to evaluate and recommend approval for environmental permits. Authority for permit issuance remains with the Director, but applicants could pay to have their permit applications expedited in this way. The remaining sections of the bill address the issue of speculative water withdrawal permits in the Flint River Basin for both surface water and groundwater. Representatives from all sides of the issue, including a stakeholder involvement group, have come together to identify a workable solution to this problem. The bill would provide for a non-refundable \$250 permit application fee for applications received on or after the effective date of this legislation (upon signature of the Governor). Further, provides for a 25 year term-limit on permits issued, which may be renewed at the original permitted capacity unless an evaluation of the water supply indicates that the renewal at original capacity would have unreasonable effects upon other water uses. The bill does provide for transfer of the permit with the land to the new owner should the land be sold. Provides for revocation of the permit if water use has not commenced within two years unless the permittee can reasonably demonstrate that his or her nonuse was due to financial hardship or circumstances beyond his or her control.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Ross Tolleson
- **Presented By:** Rep. Lynn Smith
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Yea:** 146     **Nay:** 0

### **SB0286     Employees; legislative branch; state merit system; optional coverage; repeal**

- A bill to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state merit system of personnel administration in general, so as to repeal provisions relating to optional coverage of legislative branch employees under the classified service of the state merit system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Ralph Hudgens
- **Presented By:** Austin Scott
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Yea:** 119     **Nay:** 0

### **SB0288     Grade Integrity Act; teacher not required to change grade; ethical violation**

- This bill provides that no classroom teacher shall be requires, coerced, intimidates, or disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student, and if the aforementioned occurs, it shall constitute an ethics violation reportable to the Professional Standards Commission. This shall not prevent a school administrator from discussing a student's grade with a teacher. This does not prevent a central office administrator, superintendent or local school administrator from changing the grade provided that the person responsible for the change must be indicated on the student's record. Finally, no classroom teacher may be dismissed due to a disagreement stemming from disputes over grades.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Chip Rogers
- **Presented By:** Rep. Howard Maxwell
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Education
- **Action Postponed to next Legislative Day**

### **SB0396     Crimes; person who is attacked has no duty to retreat; provide immunity from prosecution**

- This bill would allow that a person who is attacked has no duty to retreat and has the right to meet force with force, including deadly force. Further the bill would provide for an immunity from prosecution.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Greg Goggans

- **Presented By:** Rep. Bobby Franklin

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

- **Yea:** 115     **Nay:** 42

### **SB0413     Compulsory School Attendance Law; exemptions; provide local board of education policies; minimum annual attendance; change provisions**

- Section 1 of this bill changes the age for mandatory attendance in schools from sixteen to fifteen. It further provides that an unemancipated minor older than the age of mandatory attendance may not withdraw without written parental consent and for a conference between the parent, student, and principal or designee to inform the student of the consequences of that decision. It also provides for local school boards to adopt policies on withdrawal. Section 2 changes an exemption from completion of all grades to requirements for a high school diploma. Section 3 changes compulsory attendance from ages seven to sixteen to ages six to fifteen. Section 3.1 eliminates the requirement for school bus route schedules. Section 4 provides for annual written parental or legal guardian permission in order for students to join specific clubs or activities. It also requires annual notification of information regarding the specific clubs or activities. It also provides that schools shall comply with the wishes of parents and legal guardians.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Dan Moody

- **Presented By:** Rep. Barbara Massey Reese

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Education

- **Yea:** 141     **Nay:** 0

### **SB0500     2006 Georgia Accuracy in Elections Act; permanent paper record of votes; provide for pilot program/electronic voting**

- This bill requires all electronic recording voting systems to produce a permanent paper record of the votes recorded on such systems for each voter. SB 500 gives the voters an opportunity to verify such record after voting. This bill also provides for certain storage devices for such systems and for the retention of records for use in recounts and election challenge proceedings. Further, SB 500 provides for a pilot program during the 2006 November general election and any runoff therefrom in certain counties.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Stephens

- **Presented By:** Rep. James Mills

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open

- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

- **Yea:** 160     **Nay:** 0

### **SB0505     Mortgage Broker/Lender License; exempt certain exclusive agents**

- SB 505 would exempt the following individual from the requirement of obtaining a mortgage broker or mortgage lender license: •An individual who is under an exclusive written independent contractor agreement with any person that is a wholly owned subsidiary of a financial holding company or bank holding company, savings bank holding company, or thrift holding company; -and- •The subsidiary has a surety bond equal to the lesser of \$1 million or \$50,000.00 per exempt person; -and- •The subsidiary has applied for and been granted a mortgage broker or mortgage lender license; -and- •The subsidiary has paid applicable fees for this license - the lesser of one-half of the sum of the cost of the individual licenses or \$100,000.00.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Don Balfour

- **Presented By:** Rep. Mike Coan

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Structured

- **House Committee:** Banks & Banking

- **Yea:** 113     **Nay:** 45

### **SB0510     Natural Resources; river corridors; minimum standards/procedures for protection; change certain provisions**

- NO SUMMARY AVAILABLE

- **Authored By:** Sen. Chip Pearson

- **Presented By:** Rep. Amos Amerson

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment

- **Action Postponed to next Legislative Day**

### **SB0545     Bingo Games; nonprofit, tax-exempt organization; provide definition**

- This bill redefines the term “nonprofit, tax exempt organization” in relation to bingo games, so that the proceeds from bingo games conducted by these organizations must be used solely within the state.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis
- **Presented By:** Rep. Jay Neal
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Structured
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Yea:** 141     **Nay:** 0

**SB0561     HOPE Scholarships/Grants; definitions; correct scrivener's error; provide for students in professional level programs**

- This bill provides for the definition of “first professional degree program,” and it also provides for students in professional level programs.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Seth Harp
- **Presented By:** Rep. Bill Hembree
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Higher Education
- **Yea:** 144     **Nay:** 0

**SB0570     Motor Vehicles; windshields; reduce light transmission/increase light reflectance; authorize certified optometrist to provide attestation**

- This bill authorizes a person who is a certified optometrist to provide an attestation in support of a medical exemption for restrictions to limitations on reducing light transmission or increasing light reflectance on windows of motor vehicles.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Joseph Carter
- **Presented By:** Rep. Jim Cole
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **Yea:** 139     **Nay:** 2

**SB0585     Tax Executions; provide ad valorem property taxes/assessments governed by Title 48; purchase/transfer of rights**

- Permits tax commissioners to choose to sell tax executions to third parties for collection.
- **Authored By:** Sen. David Shafer
- **Presented By:** Rep. Wendell Willard
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Yea:** 116     **Nay:** 37

**SB0606     Funerals; prohibit disruptive conduct; elements of such offense; provide criminal penalty**

- Prohibits disruptive conduct at funerals or memorial services and provides that any violation of the new Code section will be punished as a misdemeanor.
- **Authored By:** Sen. John Douglas
- **Presented By:** Rep. Ron Forster
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Yea:** 144     **Nay:** 15

*\* The House will reconvene Monday, March 27 at 1:00 pm for its 37th Legislative Day of the 2nd Regular Session of the 148th General Assembly.*

## **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**The Committee on Rules today has fixed the calendar for the 38th Legislative Day, Monday, March 27, as enumerated below, and can be called at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House.**

### **DEBATE CALENDAR**

**SB0077      Feticide; parental notification; define/eliminate terms; provide reports**

- This bill revises the definition of feticide to prohibit the voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child, and to prohibit assaults and batteries of unborn children under certain circumstances. The assault and battery of an unborn child would be punished as a misdemeanor, the crime of voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child would be punished as a felony with a prison sentence of 1-20 years.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee Unterman
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**SB0306      Hospital/Nursing Home Liens; change notice/filing provision; effect of release**

- Provides a statute of limitations for the filing of a lien by hospitals, physicians and burn centers.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Hamrick
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

**SB0115      MARTA; reserve fund interest income used to pay operating cost; provision**

- The intent of this legislation is to extend one of the provisions of the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965" until June 30, 2016. The provision allows the interest income from certain reserve funds to be used for the funding of operating costs. The proceeds of the tax levied may be used to fulfill these obligations as long as the amount does not exceed 50% of the annual proceeds from January 1, 2002 until July 1, 2006. The following fiscal year will permit a maximum of 55% of the proceeds used for funding. The 50% cap will resume on July 1, 2007 and remain as such until July 1, 2032. Additionally, until June 30, 2016, operating costs of the system may be paid by the interest earned through other capital assets if expressly approved by the Board.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Gloria Butler
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open
- **House Committee:** Special Committee on MARTA

**SB0420      Care of a Grandchild Act; power of attorney from parent to grandparent; create pilot program to provide subsidy to certain grandparents**

- Allows that parents may delegate to grandparents of a minor child powers of attorney and provides for a pilot program to provide for subsidies for certain grandparents raising grandchildren
- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee Unterman
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

**SB0442      Child Abuse; reporting; change certain provisions**

- Concerning child abuse, SB 442 would not allow a person in charge of a hospital, school, agency or facility to change the information provided by a reporter of child abuse. SB 442 also requires the child abuse to be reported within 24 hours from when the abuse was believed to have taken place. Finally, SB 442 would allow photographs of the abuse to reveal the identity of the subject.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Dan Moody
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open
- **House Committee:** Children & Youth

**SB0450      Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; revise pay structure of certain county officers/officials; provide recalculation of min. salaries**

- This bill revises the pay structure for certain county officers and officials and revises the minimum salary schedules of pay for sheriffs, tax commissioners, clerks of superior court, and judges of probate court. Further, SB 450 provides for longevity pay increases for certain members of county governing authorities.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Brian Kemp
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified Open
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**SB0465      General Provisions, O.C.G.A.; correct errors/omissions; reenact the statutory portion; provide necessary revisions/modernizations**

- Corrects typographical and other errors in the Code and revises and modernizes other sections of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated
- **Authored By:** Sen. David Adelman
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

**SB0466      General Provisions, O.C.G.A; correct errors/omissions in Title 47**

- Corrects typographical, stylistic, and other errors and omissions in Title 47.
- **Authored By:** Sen. David Adelman
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

#### **SB0467     General Provisions, O.C.G.A; correct errors/omissions in Title 21**

- Corrects typographical, stylistic and other errors and omissions in Title 21.
- **Authored By:** Sen. David Adelman
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

#### **SB0481     Motor Vehicles; registration/licensing; permit military personnel; minimum motor vehicles liability insurance through purchase in other states**

- SB 481 permits military personnel whose vehicles are registered in Georgia and have Georgia license plates who are stationed in other states as part of their military assignments and duties to meet their obligations concerning minimum motor vehicle liability insurance through the purchase of certain insurance in such other states.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Stephens
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

#### **SB0484     Colquitt, City of; declare as Georgia's First Mural City**

- This legislation relates to state symbols. It will make the City of Colquitt, Georgia's First Mural City. Colquitt-Miller Arts Council, Inc. strives to encourage, enrich, and stimulate the practice and appreciation of the arts among the people living in that area. The Colquitt Millennium Mural Project strives to beautify the downtown area with different styles of mural artwork, create more tourism and revitalize the local economy.
- **Authored By:** Sen. John Bulloch
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Special Rules

#### **SB0525     Tax Executions; change provisions regarding issuance; definition; procedures**

- Provides that the owner of record will be responsible for delinquent taxes bills unless, within ninety days, it can be proven that payment of ad valorem taxes have been transferred to a new records owner.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Tommie Williams
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

#### **SB0562     Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority Act; create**

- This bill creates the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority as a body corporate and political and as an instrumentality of the state. It also provides that it shall be a public corporation. It provides for the members of the authority and their appointment, service, and compensation. It provides for the powers, duties, and operations of the authority. It further provides for tax-exempt status for the authority.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Dan Weber
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Higher Education

#### **SB0573     Land Transactions; development of condominium property; escrow funds**

- Provide a that the seller may withdraw escrow funds in excess of 1 percent of the purchase price of a condominium in order to fund construction and development of the condominium property
- **Authored By:** Sen. Joseph Carter
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

#### **SB0597     Tax Appeal Procedures; recovery of certain appeal costs by taxpayer; change provisions**

- This bill allows for recovery costs on a valuation appeal by a taxpayer if the final determination of value on appeal is 85% or less of the valuation set by the county board of tax assessors. Current law requires the county board of equalization to set the value. The substitute changed the effective date from July 1, 2006 to upon the Governor's signature.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Chip Pearson
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means

#### **SB0636     Biodiesel Fuel; define**

- This bill would designate a definition for biodiesel fuel to mean the standard as adopted by the American Society of and Testing and Materials standard D-6751. This bill would make it a misdemeanor to produce biodiesel fuel for sale that does not meet the D-6751 Standard.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Bulloch

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

#### **SR0785 Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee; create**

- This resolution would create the Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee, to investigate the outlay and provision of trauma care services in Georgia.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Eric Johnson

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured

- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services

#### **SR0793 Ga. Public Defender Standards Council; ratifying the initial minimum standard; Standard for Removal for Cause**

- Ratifies the performance standards set by the Public Defenders' Standards Council for removal of a circuit public defender for cause

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Hamrick

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

*\* The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, March 27 at 11:00 am to set the Debate Calendar for the 39th Legislative Day.*

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## **COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT**

### **Governmental Affairs**

#### **SB 552 South Fulton, City; incorporate; provide for a charter**

- This bill incorporates the City of South Fulton in Fulton County.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Kasim Reed

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

#### **SB 553 Chattahoochee Hill Country, City; incorporate; provide for a charter**

- This bill incorporates the City of Chattahoochee Hill Country in Fulton County.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Kasim Reed

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **Judiciary Non-Civil**

#### **HR1794 House Study Committee on Court Surcharges and Additional Fines; create**

- Creates House Study Committee on Court Surcharges and Additional Fines. Said committee will consist of three members from the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker. Said committee will be abolished on December 1, 2006.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Penny Houston

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

#### **SB0316 Obscenity; electronically furnishing material to minors; change provisions of crime**

- This bill amends Code Section 16-12-100.1 to provide that a person commits the crime of electronically furnishing obscene material to a minor if that person furnishes to a minor any product that give access to a user name or log-in to enable that minor to obtain access to an obscene site.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Ronnie Chance

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

#### **SB0408 Preservation of Evidence; nationals of foreign states; not lawfully admitted for per-**



**manent resident of U.S.**

- Amends code section 24-10-130 so as to allow the deposition of a national foreign state to be tendered as evidence in a criminal proceeding.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

**SB 394 Computer System Security; persons falsely representing to be a business; prohibit; definitions; penalties/sanctions**

- Creates Part IV of 16-9 which would make it illegal for an individual to act as a business and soliciting for another persons identifying information. Violations of this section would be a felony, punishable by one to twenty years in jail or a fine no less than \$1,000.00 and no more than \$500,000.00. Allows for provisions for civil action taken against a violator of this code section.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Cecil Staton
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB0429 Abortions; access to certain medical equipment; perform certain medical procedures; penalty for violations**

- This bill would require facilities that perform abortions either to have or to have access to ultrasound equipment. The bill further would require facilities that perform abortions to perform an ultrasound of the unborn child and provide women seeking abortions the opportunity to see the ultrasound. The bill also would require DHR to create a form indicating that opportunity to see the ultrasound was available. Violation of the act would be punished as a misdemeanor.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Nancy Schaefer
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB0522 Amy's Law; disposition for delinquent acts; change certain provisions**

- This bill would allow a juvenile court to commit a child adjudicated delinquent for the act of murder to continue the commitment with the Department of Juvenile Justice until the child's 21st birthday. The bill would only allow for an early discharge upon a motion by the court. The court may shorten its order for commitment under certain circumstances.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Hamrick
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB0541 Electronic Mail Address; no person shall transmit any message containing advertising material; penalties**

- Creates new code section 16-9-93.2 which provides that all e-mails containing consumption, sale, or rental of material for persons only over 18 years of age must contain in the subject line "ADV:ADLT." Further provides for penalties for violations of said code section.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill
- **Committee Action:** Tabled

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**COMMITTEE BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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